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In re Application of:

MANABU KATO

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, before line 1.

--This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/522,118 filed

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